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**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO HELP PROTECT  
THOSE WHO PROTECT US**

(Columbia) - In an effort to better protect South Carolina's law enforcement community, Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer, along with Michael Letts, President and CEO of In-Vest and Mayor Robert Hoffman, will present five new bulletproof vests to the St. Stephen Police Department. The presentation will take place at the Joshua L. Milligan Law Enforcement Center on Hood Street in St. Stephen on Friday August 27 at 11 am.

"The protection of the people who protect us is of paramount importance in South Carolina," Bauer said. "It's refreshing to see a group like In-Vest continuing to provide not only the equipment necessary but the tremendous moral support necessary to encourage our law enforcement community. Michael Letts and all who have supported him in his efforts are to be commended for what they have done for police officers all over the state of South Carolina."

In-Vest is an independent, non-partisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation whose sole purpose is to provide personal bulletproof protective vests for law enforcement officers. According to FBI data, almost half of the law enforcement officers in the U.S. are without personal protective vests. Each year more vests are needed for new officers and for replacing outdated vests. And at \$750 to \$1,000 per vest, officers cannot afford to purchase their own vests.

"With governments at all levels facing tighter budgets, it is incredibly important that groups like In-Vest continue to receive the private support they need so that the men and women in law enforcement feel more secure, both physically and mentally," Bauer added. "Providing bulletproof vests is a major step in that direction, and I'm proud to have my office associated with such a tremendous organization."

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